

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating seal ~~that is~~ provided in an annular space formed between a shaft and a housing, which move relatively to each other in a direction of the shaft, ~~and has~~ said reciprocating seal comprising a seal lip brought into sliding contact with a surface of the shaft, ~~wherein the seal lip has~~ having a two-step lip structure including a first step and a second step in which, a plurality of protrusions extending in ~~the a~~ direction ~~in which a main seal lip relatively moves with respect parallel~~ to the [surface of the] shaft ~~are, said plurality of protrusions being~~ formed on a surface of the ~~lip of a~~ second step.